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The Face With a Smile Is Not a Thinking Face

Why "The Voice With the Smile" Wins.

It is possible to FROWN too much, and it is possible to SMILE too much. Admirable telephone advertising has impressed upon people's minds the truth, "The Voice With the Smile Wins." It wins SOME things, not everything. And the constant repetition of the phrase might cause too much concentration on smiling.

While a man smiles he does not think. If you will smile now, automatically, and then try to think of something serious, you will find that instantly you must GET RID OF THE SMILE before you can do any thinking.

Smiling takes the place of thinking, just as wagging the tail with a dog takes the place of watchfulness. No good watchdog wags his tail for a burglar.

It is not difficult to guess why the smiling face is always welcome.

If a man is not THINKING, he cannot be planning mischief.

When he is smiling you know that he is not thinking. He is simply in a pleasant, aimless frame of mind.

In the ancient days, when a stranger's arrival might mean a pleasant visit or an attempt to kill, the first thing was to study the face.

If it was a face with the jaw set, an earnest look, and deep lines over the eyes, look out, there might be trouble.

But if it was a smiling face, with the muscles around the mouth relaxed, everything was all right—barring hypocrisy. We always know that we can get the better of a person that does not think. The smile indicates ABSENCE of thinking, therefore the smiling face, with no plot behind it, was welcome.

Be as cheerful as circumstances will permit. Smile if you can when you see others, but don't imagine that the smile is the most dignified expression of the face; far from it.

Caesar was not smiling when he crossed the Rubicon. His face won, but it wasn't "a face with a smile." And Washington wasn't smiling when he crossed the Delaware through the ice. He also won.

And Newton was not smiling when he worked out the long series of calculations that established the truth of the theory of gravitation.

The face with the smile is pleasant to look at, but if you study in their odd moments the men that have really won in a big way you will find usually a pretty serious expression on their faces.

Success and smiling go together a certain distance, but not all the way.

Making the Party Platforms

Putting a Few Loopholes in the Planks



Beatrice Fairfax Writes of the Problems and Pitfalls of Workers Here Especially for Washington Women

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I noticed in your columns a letter from a person signing himself G. H. H. and which was rather interesting to me, as I have often wondered if the young men of these days cared for any kind of a girl, but the type he seems to take exception to—my experience has been in my several years of office work that men prefer the kind that dresses freakishly and paints. I myself believe that the men are to a great extent to blame for it—that is—by noticing and giving attention to that kind of girl, they encourage others, who perhaps would not otherwise do such, to think that men care only for that type.

I have often thought that if men would look a little more in the homes and maybe as far as the kitchen for their wives, instead of the streets or dance halls, there would be fewer divorce cases.

I have never been in a dance hall in my life, and don't expect to. I can find just as much enjoyment in a walk, a good book, or an hour in the kitchen as I believe any girl can find in any dance hall that was ever erected, and I think that if this young man, and perhaps some of the older ones, were to look in the right places they would find there are hundreds of women in this great beautiful world of ours who put the home first, and do not like to be judged by what others may do.

S. S. S.

MUCH of what you say is entirely true but no one has ever been able to convince a young man that rosy cheeks and twinkling toes might not be sufficient requirements for a wife. They are attracted by fragile, flower-like girls and after marriage are highly indignant that such a girl is neither capable nor strong enough to do housework. They rave over a girl because she dances divinely and think they have a very real grievance when, after marriage, they find her kitchen mechanics are sadly lacking. What they don't realize is that marriage, as Mawruss would say, is something else again, from moonlight walks and dreamy waltzes. The business of being a woman is the most difficult and complex thing in the world. She must combine all the wiles of a domestic economist and there are mighty few such all-around women. Therefore unhappy marriages and dissatisfied husbands and neglected wives.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

Having read your good advice to others would like some for myself.

Am a fairly nice looking girl, seventeen years of age and have many friends, boys and girls. I go many places with the boys, have nice times, am well thought of by them, and treat them all alike, taking none of them seriously.

My parents seem to think I should take to older and more serious men, but I realize the fact am a mere child, don't see why I should pay more attention to an older person than any of the others.

Do you think that a girl of my age should tie herself down and take everything seriously? I am a "happy go lucky" sort of a person anyway and never took a thing very seriously in my life.

DARDANELLA.

You are quite right about not waiting to associate with older men and in not taking any of them seriously, at your present age—or any other, for that matter. However, it is not a good plan to "never take anything seriously." There comes a time when we have to take life and ambition into account. We cannot drift with the tide. We must figure what our aim in life is to be and then strive to accomplish it. I think you ought to have at least one serious interest in life. Such a thing gives a girl balance and poise. Some form of interesting and attractive work is usually best.

MISS FAIRFAX:

Am I too late to meet Joan, a girl pal, Rose Mary, one of them at least? I, too, am married, but dreadfully lonesome. Am twenty-five, and the mother of two dear little girls.

ZETTA.

If you will send me a self-addressed envelope I will endeavor to include you in this meeting.

I'm going to say to you, however, what I said to Joan. Don't let your husband slip away from your companionship without an effort to retain him.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

Kindly inform me whether an invitation worded as follows calls for a present: "Mr. and Mrs. X request the pleasure of introducing their daughter—to Miss A on—Awaiting your answer." P. I.

If the affair is the formal debut of this young woman it would be according to custom to send flowers, at least. Much would depend on the intimacy of your acquaintance with the family whether you sent any other sort of gift. No gift should ever be required. There should never be any sense of obligation about one. It should be made only if the spirit prompts and never otherwise.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I just finished reading your advice to a young girl about recreation. Here is my case: I am a young girl with two darling babies. Oldest two and one-half years and the other nine months. I live in a small apartment with no place for them to get fresh air unless I take them on the street, as there are no parks near.

I get up in the mornings tired as when I went to bed. I have to rush through my work to get it all done so I can give my babies an airing in the afternoon.

Now, Miss Fairfax, this continual routine of work, work, work and no play is getting on my nerves. I

get no recreation, no rest of any kind. I am not unhappy; I am just tired. I have a dear, good husband, and he is willing to do anything he can for his babies and myself. But the trouble is they won't stay with anyone. He has tried to keep them and let me get rest, but each time they cry from the time I left till I got back, which was several hours. They are not bad children and are contented as long as I am near. I love my babies dearly, and would not neglect them for anything, but it looks like there ought to be a way for me to get a little recreation. I am in a constant nervous strain. I feel as if I will give away if I have to keep on going in this way as it has been for the last two and a half years. I hope this letter is not too long and you will give me some advice, and perhaps some of the young mothers will tell how they manage.

A 24-YEAR-OLD MOTHER.

First and foremost you need a change. I don't care how simple a one it is, anything in the nature of a diversion would help you. The very fact that you wake in the morning as tired as when you went to bed, indicates that your nervous system is in a depleted state.

First, you should turn over a new leaf about your children. It is not necessary for them to be with you every moment and it is very wearing for you. You would be a much better mother, to say nothing of being a happier and healthier woman, if you could have occasional periods away from them.

I don't mean to criticize, but I fear you began wrong with them. You yielded to their insistence on having you about all the time and you are paying the penalty. No matter how difficult you find it, you must be firm with them. The first few weeks will be the most difficult but they CAN be trained so that you may have the freedom and recreation you require. Let them yell their heads off while you are gone and don't let it worry you. It isn't hard work that causes "nerves," it's the worry about hard work, or children, or anything else. I know it isn't any easy prescription, but you won't feel any better until you force yourself to relax, mentally and physically. It won't do you any good to be away from your children for a few hours if you worry about them all the time you are away. Let me hear from you again.

The Long Fight for Civil Service Retirement

By BILL PRICE.

President WILSON'S prompt approval of the civil service retirement law testified to his conviction that it is a just law. In ninety days from his approval the law will become operative. Loyal friends of retirement do not claim it to be an absolutely perfect measure. It could not be, in the absence of past experience upon which to build, but the imperfections will be removed and in a few years retirement will be working equitably.

An organized fight for retirement legislation began twenty years ago with the election of the late CHARLES LYMAN, of the Treasury, as president of the Civil Service Retirement Association. This newspaper, consistently friendly to the measure, has printed thousands of columns for the cause. JACOB W. STARR, who was the second president of the organization and its head for a number of years, has copies of The Times of March, 1904, in which two whole pages are devoted to retirement, giving interviews with Cabinet officers, Senators, and Representatives, with pictures of these people and of the local heads of the association.

Twenty years fighting for justice is a long time. It demonstrates that fair legislation for Government clerks or for the people of the District must often travel a long and rocky road to become reality.

In some ways the law will temporarily work hardship. Government employees are poorly paid by the same Congress that took twenty years to enact a retirement law. From these low salaries must be deducted 2½ per cent each month as the contribution of employees to the fund. Thousands of employees will find it difficult to spare, but the money is not lost. It is a valuable savings account which the Government will return, with interest, if an employee leaves before his or her retirement. Those who remain in the service until old age will have the comfortable feeling of a regular annuity.

One benefit of the law will be that 5,000 or 6,000 young clerks who will lose their positions around July 1, owing to lack of appropriations, will be reinstated because of the retirement of that number of superannuated clerks, who will become beneficiaries of the law August 22. During the next ninety days the Commissioner of Pensions will be arranging the names of those eligible for retirement.

To the faithful clerks who have remained at their desks awaiting the passage of the law there will be a feeling that the Government, after all, is not such a hard master, even though it does pay distressingly low wages.

HEARD AND SEEN

A "HOOTCH" PROBLEM.

A Washington druggist watered his stock of "hootch" so that one-third of the mixture, plus twenty quarts, was whiskey and one-half of the concoction, minus ten quarts, was water. How much of the mixture did he have and how many quarts each of whiskey and water did it contain? How many prescriptions would he fill from it?

J. A. F. S.

"NOT WORTH A CONTINENTAL."

Prof. IRVING FISHER, of Yale, in a magazine article on the subject of stabilizing the dollar, writes of the Continental currency of our Revolutionary days. He says a Philadelphia barber covered the walls of his shop with it because it was the cheapest paper he could get. A housewife took market basket full of it to the butcher for meat and took the meat home in her purse. Its worthlessness brought the expression, "Not worth a Continental."

THAT H. AND S. PUZZLE.

ALBERT A. GIGERICH says that Mr. LUNDY'S Heard and Seen puzzle, printed last Friday, "was the most baffling brain-teaser yet." He believes that the puzzle contains at least 51,176 different ways of spelling "Times Heard and Seen."

WHERE YOUR LAP GOES.

To VERNON S. SNOW'S question, "Where does your lap go when you stand up?" HUGO B. SCHMIDT says it "goes where it came."

"Two Nuts" say it goes to the "same place the first goes when you open your hand." W. D. PAYNE says it "goes where you carry it." HENRY F. SMITH says it goes to "waist P. SMITH." E. T. LANE says "it all depends."

H. AND S. EVERYWHERE.

At the amphitheater known as "Hilarity Hall," in Glen Echo, I saw many signs more or less humorous. One read, "If a third of six is three, what's a fourth of twenty?" Send answer to Bill Price. "I'm blue in the face trying to get the answer. Please have it sent in."

F. L. HALLER.

District Motor Co.

Why ask for the world's best limberick? Some of the stuff I see should be labeled the "world's best limberick."

JAMES A. PURCELL.

I see that our allies are trying to borrow a few paltry billions from the U. S. I also see that in fashionable Paris and New York they are putting corsets on dogs and furnishing them with overcoats when taking auto rides. No wonder they want our money.

E. F.

USES FOR TOKENS.

I saw a practical use for street car tokens the other day. A dusky damsel was wearing a pair of them in her ears. It's a good way to beat the war tax on jewelry.

A. E.

THIRTEEN ON THE QUARTER.

On the American quarter dollar, coined in 1915, there appears the following repetition of THIRTEEN: It has 13 letters in scroll, 13 in eagle's beak, 13 marginal feathers in each wing, 13 tail feathers, 13 parallel lines in shield, 13 horizontal bars, 13 arrow heads, 13 letters in words quarter dollar.

FRANK A. HAVERTY.

LANGUAGE OF STAMPS.

"Parthenia H." asks if some of our readers will furnish H and S with "the language of postage stamps," which she once saw printed.

THE STRAWBERRY PROBLEM.

Answering LOUIS J. MANCUSO'S strawberry problem, most of the solvers say that he bought 8 baskets at ¼ cent, total .02 cents; 2 baskets at 4 cents .08 cents; 9 at 2 cents, .18 cents; 1 at 10 cents .10 cents, making \$2. That's the solution of W. H. LAWSON, S. F. S., our old friend W. D. PAYNE, W. TOOMEY, HENRY D. SHEERY, SAMUEL LEVIN, THOMAS FITZGERALD, and others, some of whom work it other ways.

S. E. M.'S FISH.

The unanimous verdict is that S. E. M.'s fish was 72 inches long. Its head was 9 inches long, its body 36 inches, and its tail 27. Decision by A. S. LORD, FRANK J. HUCKELS, J. J. HAMM, EVA M. CROOKS, THOMAS FITZGERALD, W. D. PAYNE, W. J. BERRY, ALICE HAMILTON, JAMES WANNALL, 12 years old.

J. A. P.'S WORK PROBLEM.

G. H. MCCARTHY says it would take H. twelve days to do the work that A. could do in 8 days. And that is the answer of S. F. S., W. TOOMEY, W. D. PAYNE, W. H. LAWSON, T. S. WRIGHT, THOMAS FITZGERALD. Sergeant S. PORTER thinks it ought to do it in the same number of days as A "unless he's crippled."

STANDS FOR "DON'T COUNT."

Replying to M. E.'s inquiry as to what D. C. stands for, S. A. L. says that to Congress it means "Don't Count." Sergeant PORTER also says "Don't Count."

You tell 'em, cowboy; you know how to throw the bull.

G. T. B.

Votes For Washington

"The arguments presented by the National Press Committee in favor of suffrage in the District of Columbia and representation in both branches of Congress are so obvious, especially in the light of present-day democracy, that one hesitates to advance them lest the people become bored by a repetition of 'old stuff.'" Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey says. "I do not understand why the people of Washington should not have both suffrage and national representation."



SENATOR WALTER E. EDGE.

"One of the moving reasons for the great American Revolution was the imposition of taxation without the collateral right of representation, and it seems most unlikely that the spirit of '76 has evaporated in this land, even with the passing of generations of the people. The residents of Washington pay taxes; they are subject to all laws equally with the citizens of other parts of the land, who enjoy the suffrage, and they are subject to police supervision."

"There may, of course, be arguments against such granting of suffrage and representation, but it strikes me that 'the ayes have it,' and I believe it should be 'so ordered.'"

"Whether it would be better to have the District represented only in the House of Representatives by a Delegate or in both branches of Congress by Senators and Representatives is a secondary question, although, for my part, I do not quite see why the District should not have full representation."

Speaking of the many visitors from the States who visit Washington the year around, Senator Edge says he believes these people from other sections will indorse and actively support the plea of the National Press Committee and its allied organizations "for representation and, mayhap, in the future, for an elective form of municipal government."